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Public Safety Functional Group

The Public Safety Functional Group includes Fire, Probation, Sheriff's Office, Court Special Services, District Attorney's Office, and Public Defender's Office.

Strategic Values

The tenet of the Public Safety Functional Group is the protection of life and property through highly competent delivery of emergency response, fire prevention services, constitutional and effective law enforcement, custody, and rehabilitation services that provide a high level of safety to residents and visitors. Additionally, the group believes that the public is well served when victims of crime are protected and individuals charged with a crime have equal access to justice, are prosecuted and defended diligently and ethically, and all involved parties receive a fair and timely resolution of their case.

Strategic Purpose

The distinct purpose of the Public Safety Functional Group is to provide quality public service to the people in Santa Barbara County by:

- Safeguarding them from the impacts of crime, fires, medical emergencies, and disasters
- Providing information and recommendations to the Courts
- Enforcing the laws and providing correctional services
- Enforcing court orders and post-release community supervision conditions
- Requiring offender responsibility and accountability
- Delivering safe and effective juvenile detention, treatment, and rehabilitation services
- Prosecuting the guilty, protecting the innocent, and preventing crime
- Ensuring constitutional rights of all
- Delivering effective and timely law enforcement services

Strategic Goals

- Preserve and restore public safety resources and infrastructure.

- Continue succession planning efforts to ensure all personnel have a guide/roadmap to enhance their leadership, emergency operations, and management skills.
- Upgrade information technology infrastructure and interoperability (dispatch, records management, patient care, and inspections).
- Develop and provide large scale emergency incident command training.
- Ensure properties have defensible space between structures and flammable vegetation.
- Increase rehabilitation and reduce recidivism through the use of evidence-based practices, targeted interventions and treatment services for offenders who are in custody or released under community supervision. Success is defined as those under probation supervision completing probation without committing a new crime.
- Support the resolution of disputes arising under the law in a fair, accessible, effective, timely, and efficient manner.
- Provide members of the community who are charged with crimes and determined to be indigent with qualified legal representation through the Public Defender or other appointed counsel.
- In conjunction with the Human Trafficking Task Force, increase the understanding of human trafficking in Santa Barbara County to prevent and eradicate this crime.
- Perform outreach to educate youth at local schools about the negative consequences inherent in criminal activities, fire misuse, gang association, and substance abuse.
- Collaborate on regional efforts to reduce gang and gun violence, and narcotic sale and usage.
- Enhance the prosecution and investigation of the underground economy including fraud of workers' compensation, insurance, payroll, tax, and construction cases.
- Provide for improved collaboration between public safety and mental health providers to minimize the impact of mental illness-related safety concerns in the community.
- Improving public safety and quality of life for all County residents.

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Functional Summary

Staffing By Department	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Adopted	Change from FY16-17 Ado to FY17-18 Rec	2017-18 Recommended	2018-19 Proposed
District Attorney	137.22	135.20	(4.00)	131.20	131.20
Probation	334.27	335.00	(5.00)	330.00	330.00
Public Defender	70.29	68.50	-	68.50	68.50
Fire	263.47	279.62	5.50	285.12	285.12
Sheriff	632.71	669.08	(6.27)	662.81	665.11
Total	1,437.97	1,487.39	(9.77)	1,477.62	1,479.93

Budget By Department	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Adopted	Change from FY16-17 Ado to FY17-18 Rec	2017-18 Recommended	2018-19 Proposed
District Attorney	\$ 22,403,593	\$ 24,042,118	\$ 310,290	\$ 24,352,408	\$ 25,459,696
Probation	51,118,500	54,000,348	1,797,384	55,797,732	57,994,848
Public Defender	10,928,142	11,590,494	(96,888)	11,493,606	12,127,187
Court Special Services	15,002,017	15,248,900	8,000	15,256,900	15,256,900
Fire	63,255,477	66,918,589	4,899,811	71,818,400	75,146,114
Sheriff	123,906,188	129,866,209	6,887,963	136,754,172	141,870,549
Total	\$ 286,613,916	\$ 301,666,658	\$ 13,806,560	\$ 315,473,218	\$ 327,855,294

Budget By Categories of Expenditures	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Adopted	Change from FY16-17 Ado to FY17-18 Rec	2017-18 Recommended	2018-19 Proposed
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$ 231,321,133	\$ 240,472,797	\$ 9,028,088	\$ 249,500,885	\$ 260,880,186
Services and Supplies	31,253,565	34,084,952	3,712,255	37,797,207	38,892,527
Other Charges	24,039,218	27,108,909	1,066,217	28,175,126	28,082,581
Total Operating Expenditures	286,613,916	301,666,658	13,806,560	315,473,218	327,855,294
Capital Assets	477,859	2,180,450	(765,989)	1,414,461	363,000
Other Financing Uses	6,072,156	12,884,611	(5,677,200)	7,207,411	5,672,261
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (+)	579,080	686,095	22,826	708,921	708,921
Increases to Fund Balances	13,961,318	1,100,979	(265,151)	835,828	810,720
Fund Balance Impact (+)	221,106	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 307,925,436	\$ 318,518,793	\$ 7,121,046	\$ 325,639,839	\$ 335,410,196

Budget By Categories of Revenues	2015-16 Actual	2016-17 Adopted	Change from FY16-17 Ado to FY17-18 Rec	2017-18 Recommended	2018-19 Proposed
Taxes	\$ 45,750,126	\$ 49,273,000	\$ 1,835,000	\$ 51,108,000	\$ 54,231,000
Licenses, Permits and Franchises	22,250	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties	2,439,600	2,175,621	108,044	2,283,665	2,151,673
Use of Money and Property	892,541	233,700	295,871	529,571	529,571
Intergovernmental Revenue	72,824,328	70,445,176	1,489,777	71,934,953	73,473,255
Charges for Services	46,872,038	44,970,301	2,322,272	47,292,573	47,428,609
Miscellaneous Revenue	4,246,103	4,142,571	590,496	4,733,067	4,764,667
Total Operating Revenues	173,046,987	171,260,369	6,641,460	177,901,829	182,598,775
Other Financing Sources	4,716,537	3,993,485	(1,429,522)	2,563,963	2,209,186
Intrafund Expenditure Transfers (-)	601,570	715,395	22,861	738,256	738,256
Decreases to Fund Balances	3,614,141	13,884,778	(318,175)	13,566,603	9,587,277
General Fund Contribution	125,946,200	128,664,766	2,204,422	130,869,188	127,522,100
Fund Balance Impact (-)	-	-	-	-	12,754,602
Total	\$ 307,925,436	\$ 318,518,793	\$ 7,121,046	\$ 325,639,839	\$ 335,410,196

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